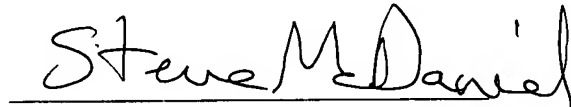


REMARKS

Responsive to the office action mailed 12 September 2005, Applicants have amended the claims to clarify the novel aspects of the present invention and facilitate allowance. The claims submitted in conjunction with the RCE have been renumbered as claims 21-40 as requested by the examiner. Therefore claims 1-20 are hereby canceled without prejudice.

Applicant has amended independent claims 21 and 30 to include the limitations "wherein the flexible thermal barrier comprises at least one face configured to reflect radiant energy, and wherein the flexible thermal is washable and rollable into a storable shape". Applicant asserts that the qualities of being simultaneously reflective and washable are counterintuitive and not found in the prior art. Therefore, Applicant asserts that the amendments place claims 21-40 in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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